

**Town of Vernon  
Conservation Commission Meeting  
Approved Minutes  
Monday, July 16, 2018  
7:00pm  
Town Council Chambers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Vernon Town Hall, 14 Park Place Rockville / Vernon, CT**

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**1. Call to Order & Roll Call**

Meeting was called to order at 7:17pm by Chairman Ryan Goad. Present were Commission members Jason Seacat, Richard Clark and James Simon (arrived at 7:18pm).

Staff Present: Marina Rodriguez, Town Planner

Recording Secretary: Kathleen Minor

**2. Administrative Actions/Requests**

**2.1 Amendment to Agenda – Additional business to be considered under “Other Business requires Commission vote**

- None

**2.2 Acceptance of minutes of June 18, 2018**

Jason Seacat motioned to accept the minutes from June 18, 2018 as presented. James Simon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**2.3 Communications Received not related to agenda items**

- Society of Soil Scientist registration for Forested Wetlands Soils Workshop
- Connecticut Land Conservation Council membership application
- Solitude Lake Management – Aquatic Pesticide Permit Application
- Email response from Tree Warden, Jeff Schamback, regarding Gypsy Moth inquiry
- Habitat – Spring/Summer 2018

**2.4 Letters Sent by Conservation Commission last month**

- None

**2.5 Organizational Considerations**

- Discussion ensued regarding creative ways to increase membership including updating social media and web page as well as printed material.

**3. Open Space Program Update**

No communication has been received regarding Open Space.

#### **4. New Business**

##### **4.1 Application Review and Comments**

- None

##### **4.2 Natural Resources**

- **Vernal Pools**

Town Planner, Marina Rodriguez, formatted the 2005 data into a spreadsheet and map making it easier to locate the vernal pools. There are 29 confirmed vernal pools.

- **Bolton Lakes**

Jason Seacat reported that there was a tour of the lake looking for invasive species, it appears that the fan wart treatment worked well. Friends of Bolton Lake were meeting with Mayor Champagne. Concern about who is going to maintain the dam between upper and middle lake was discussed.

Jason Seacat motioned to have Chairman Goad draft a memo to Mayor Champagne requesting clarification on who will have control of the maintenance of the dam between upper and middle Bolton Lake. James Simon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- **Future Activities**

- Continue to work on the vernal pools and the last 10 unconfirmed properties
- Update the Conservation Commission website
- Reach out to Open Space Task Force

#### **5. Other Business/Goals/Discussion**

- None

#### **6. Adjournment**

Richard Clark motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m. Jason Seacat seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen Minor  
Recording Secretary